



## Kevin Eldridge Clontz

May 17, 1970 - August 2, 2019

Kevin Eldridge Clontz, of Myrtle Beach, passed away at home on Friday, August 2, after a 7 month illness of liver failure and colon cancer.

He is the only son of his father, Bill Clontz and his late mother, Rosalyn Eldridge Clontz , both of Myrtle Beach. Kevin was born May 17, 1970. He was a lifelong resident of Myrtle Beach.

In addition to his father, he is survived by his son, Gage Tanner Clontz, his son's mother, Tish Clontz, sisters; Danna Clontz McKnight of Myrtle Beach, Kristin "Christy" Clontz Bell (Brian) of Austin Texas and Neva Clontz Campbell (Josh) of Myrtle Beach; nieces and nephew, Amelia and Olivia McKnight, Bella and Zoe Campbell, Sydney and Keenan Bell. He also leaves behind beloved uncles, aunts and cousins; Ronald and Bonnie Eldridge of Myrtle Beach, Donald and Libby Clontz of High Point, NC, David and Karen Clontz of Moncks Corner, SC, Judy Moir of Irmo, SC, Roddy and Janice Bean of Hickory, NC, Rhonda Eldridge Todd and Robin Eldridge Politis.

He is predeceased by his precious mother, who passed away in June 2019. She could not bear to watch Kevin die, and after her long illness, went to Heaven to wait for him. He is also predeceased by his sister, Dona Lane Clontz; brother in law, Jimmy McKnight; grandparents, Elbert and "Sonny" Lizzette Vereen Eldridge of Myrtle Beach and Mallie and Vera Hall Clontz of

Hickory, NC.

Kevin graduated from Myrtle Beach High School in 1989. He was an outdoorsman and avid hunter. He loved boating on the river, inlet and ocean. He enjoyed the beach and even got to go one last time a week before he died. He took pride in his skill and accuracy as a Foreman, directional driller and heavy equipment operator.

He was tough, aggravating, hard headed and reckless at times. He was smart and kind. Kevin was a friend to all. He never met a stranger and was always willing to help someone in need. He built a playground set for a friend's child. He stopped in snow and ice to pull many people out of a ditches. He stopped in pouring rain to change a tire for a couple dressed in formal attire. In his younger years, he was also quick to stop his truck and jump into a fight, always pulling for the underdog. He even saved his baby sister two different times.

By far, the most important thing in Kevin's life was being a dad. He adored his son and was a hands on father. He went to school conferences, field trips, doctors' appointments, and ball games. He spent his life, after Gage started to school, coaching baseball games and practices. It was important to Kevin to include players of all abilities. He used an encouraging approach to help players overcome their fears and grow as individuals, with improvement of baseball skills as a byproduct. He loved and was very proud of his son.

Above all else, Kevin was a Christian. He was a member of First United Methodist Church and New Horizons Sunday School Class. Kevin was the first to admit that he was a sinner. Kevin regretted many of the choices he made in his alcoholism. However, by the grace of God, he was able to get sober and to find his way back to God. He repented and received forgiveness from his family and Jesus. He was quick to share his testimony with anyone

and everyone throughout his illness. He also wanted all his friends to know that finding Jesus would allow them to see one another again one day at a glorious feast, where Kevin said, "I'll probably be cooking chicken bog to welcome you to Heaven."

During his illness, Kevin was able to reconnect with friends that he hadn't seen for years. Many contacted him on social media, all with heartfelt well wishes. They even had a party that Kevin got to attend. It was a celebration of his life. He was always a great story teller and they reminisced about a lifetime of funny, crazy and often dangerous times.

Kevin's story is a story of redemption. We know that he is at peace and is pain free now. He is with his and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and our precious mother. Yesterday was a day of rejoicing by and for Kevin.

A Memorial service for Kevin will be held at 1:00 PM on Tuesday August 6, 2019 at First United Methodist Church of Myrtle Beach with Rev. Tom Brittain and Rev. George Howle officiating. The family will receive friends following the service in the church parlor.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church; Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (Kevin's nephew has CF) or the Grand Strand Miracle League (a group dedicated to making baseball possible for all kids, no matter their disability.)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Carolina Forest Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 6. 1:00 PM.

First United Methodist Church of Myrtle Beach

# Tribute Wall



“ *Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Kevin Eldridge Clontz*



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**Goldfinch Funeral Home** - August 04, 2019 at 01:04 PM

AT

“ *I met Kevin when he was an inpatient at Grand Strand. Although I didn't know him for a long time, he left a lasting impression on me. I'm so deeply sorry for your loss. Kevin was a wonderful man, and was so very appreciative of his family for all of their support. He told me multiple times how blessed he was. Praying for peace and healing for his family and friends.*

*Ashley Tyler,  
AccessHealth Horry*

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**Ashley Tyler** - October 01, 2019 at 08:16 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Kevin Eldridge Clontz.*



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August 04, 2019 at 10:44 PM

WA

“ I didn't know Kevin if anyone related to him. I just happened to come across his obit. It is obvious that he was loved. I lost my brother also to colon cancer. He was diagnosed in Feb 2018 and died 9 months later in Nov. He was my baby brother. His loss will never be filled. I'll be praying for you all. His memories will bring you thru it. My brother was a wild one too but thanks to the good Lord above we can see each other again. God Bless you family.

Wanda - August 04, 2019 at 07:21 PM

OM

*My Condolences to the family, Kevin was a fine man*

Ona Musilunas - August 07, 2019 at 10:45 AM

DM

*Wanda, I'm Kevin's oldest sister. Thank you for your kind words. I'm sorry for your loss of your brother, too. God bless you and your family.*

Danna Clontz McKnight - August 07, 2019 at 02:50 PM

DM

*Ona, Thank you for your kind words.  
Danna Clontz McKnight*

Danna Clontz McKnight - August 07, 2019 at 02:50 PM

Gwin  
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*Danna, Kristy, Neva and all of Kevin's family, I'm so sad to hear of Kevin's passing. He was always such a sweet funny kid growing up and a wonderful man and father to Gage. I know he will be very missed and the broken heart of your precious mother is healed as they abide with Jesus, together forever. May you find comfort and peace in His perfect love, Gwin*

Gwin McKinnon - August 10, 2019 at 07:58 AM

BB

“ *Button Benton Boyd lit a candle in memory of Kevin Eldridge Clontz*



Button Benton Boyd - August 04, 2019 at 03:03 PM



“ *I knew Kevin through his son's mother, Tish. In the time that I knew him He was a great father. He truly loved his son. He could be aggravating and turn around and be there for anything you needed. I have to say this was the most honest and sincere obituary I have ever read. God bless the family and I know Kevin was happy to see his mothers welcoming arms and so elated that he knew Christ was there to love him. Tish is the best mother for their son and that had to give him great comfort . God bless, Janice Speiden*

Janice Middleton - August 04, 2019 at 12:54 PM

BG

*This touch my heart! Dont know anyone in family but what a gift of lasting love! We all should be so lucky! Blessings! 🌹*

Betty Graham - August 04, 2019 at 02:50 PM

Carol Legette

“ *Carol Legette lit a candle in memory of Kevin Eldridge Clontz*



Carol Legette - August 04, 2019 at 03:55 AM

SD

“ Kevin

*You were my Scott Dr Brother! You may be gone but you will never be forgotten!  
Lookin forward to seeing you again one day!*



*Thoughts & Prayers are with you & Your family!!*

*Steve Dobbins*

**SCOTT DR BOYZ!!**

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**Steve Dobbins** - August 03, 2019 at 05:09 PM

NC

*I loved having Kevin as a student. It has been a while since I have seen him, but he was the same warm and funny personality with that everlasting grin when I last saw him. Thinking of all of you.*

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**Norma Cooler** - August 03, 2019 at 07:11 PM

ST

*Bill & Family,  
Know that I am praying for you as you walk through the days ahead and I am with you in spirit. Ting and I love you all and am so sorry for your sorrow.*

*Sherrie Todd*

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**Sherrie Todd** - August 04, 2019 at 09:41 PM